

Notice  
of Rulemaking Hearing  
Tennessee Ethics Commission  
Chapter 0580-1-1  
Rules Pertaining to Lobbyists and Employers of Lobbyists

The Tennessee Ethics Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comments concerning amendments to the Rules Pertaining to Lobbyists and Employers of Lobbyists, pursuant to T.C.A. § 3-6-107(1). This hearing will be conducted as prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, T.C.A. § 4-5-201 et seq., and will take place in the State Library and Archives Building, Capitol Blvd., Nashville, Tennessee, at 8:00 a.m. CDT on September 27, 2007.

Written comments will be considered if received by close of business, October 8, 2007, at the office of the Tennessee Ethics Commission, 201 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Suite 1820, Nashville, TN 37248; 615-253-8634.

Individuals with disabilities wishing to participate in these proceedings (or to review these filings) should contact the Tennessee Ethics Commission, 201 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Suite 1820, Nashville, TN 37248, 615-253-8634, to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Such contact may be in person, by writing, by telephone, or other means, and should be made no less than ten (10) days prior to September 27, 2007 or the date such party intends to review such filings, to allow time to provide such aid or service. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).

Complete copies of the text of the notice may be downloaded from the web at <http://state.tn.us/sos/tec/index.htm>, or may be obtained by contacting Anne F. Turner, Tennessee Ethics Commission, 615-253-2665, 201 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Suite 1820, Nashville, TN 37248.

Substance of Proposed Rules  
of  
The Tennessee Ethics Commission  
Chapter 0580-1-1  
Rules Pertaining to Lobbyists and Employers of Lobbyists

Rule 0580-1-1-.03(3) shall be amended to delete the term “501(c)(3)” so that as amended the paragraph shall read:

- (3) An employer of a lobbyist shall, within thirty (30) days of registration, submit a nonrefundable registration fee to the Commission in the form and manner directed by the Commission in the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per individual lobbyist registered; provided, however, that the Commission may, in its discretion in cases of extreme hardship as determined by a quorum of the Commission, reduce the registration fee or grant a waiver from the registration fee for a duly incorporated not-for-profit organization.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§3-6-308(a)(9), 3-6-302, 3-6-304 and 3-6-305 **Administrative History:** *Original Rule filed as a Public Necessity Rule August 9, 2006; effective through January 21, 2007. Public necessity rule filed February 2, 2007; expires July 17, 2007.*

Rule 0580-1-1-.04(3) shall be amended to delete the term “501(c)(3)” so that as amended the paragraph shall read:

- (3) A lobbyist shall, within thirty (30) days of registration, submit a nonrefundable registration fee to the Commission in the form and manner directed by the Commission in the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per individual lobbyist registered; provided, however, that the Commission may, in its discretion in cases of extreme hardship as determined by a quorum of the Commission, reduce the registration fee or grant a waiver from the registration fee for a lobbyist employed by a duly incorporated not-for-profit organization whose only compensation is reimbursement of expenses.

Section 0580-1-1 -.04 shall be amended by adding a new paragraph (10) and renumbering the current paragraph (10) as paragraph (11) so that the new paragraph (10) shall read:

- (10) The Commission may, in its discretion in cases of extreme hardship as determined by a quorum of the Commission, reduce the fee assessed under T.C.A. § 3-6-114(a) or grant a waiver of such fee.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§3-6-308(a)(9), 3-6-302, 3-6-304 and 3-6-305. **Administrative History:** *Original rule filed as a Public Necessity rule August 9, 2006; effective through January 21, 2007. Public necessity rule filed February 2, 2007; expires July 17, 2007.*

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Signature of the agency officer or officers directly responsible for proposing and/or drafting these rules:

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Anne F. Turner, General Counsel

The roll-call vote by the Tennessee Ethics Commission on these rulemaking hearing rules was as follows:

	Aye	No	Absent
Thomas J. Garland (Chairman)	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
R. Larry Brown	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Donald J. Hall	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Linda W. Knight	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Dianne Neal	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Benjamin S. Purser, Jr.	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of rulemaking hearing rules, lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Ethics Commission on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

Further, I certify that the provisions of T.C.A. §4-5-222 have been fully complied with, that these rules are properly presented for filing, a notice of rulemaking hearing has been filed in the Department of State on the \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 and such notice of rulemaking hearing having been published in the \_\_\_\_\_, 2007\_ issue of the Tennessee Administrative Register, and such rulemaking hearing having been conducted pursuant thereto on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Bruce A. Androphy, Executive Director

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2007.

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Notary Public

My commission expires on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

All rulemaking hearing rules provided for herein have been examined by the Attorney General and Reporter of the State of Tennessee and are approved as to legality pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

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Robert E. Cooper, Jr.  
Attorney General & Reporter

The rulemaking hearing rules set out herein were properly filed in the Department of state on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and will become effective on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Riley C. Darnell  
Secretary of State

By:\_\_\_\_\_